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1. Peasants' unions were organized in small towns and in the country by the Chinese Communists when they occupied each district. All allotment holders, market gardeners, and spare-time farmers are eligible to join. The hsiang is the normal unit for the peasants' union, but where no such unit exists, the union is organized on a ch'u basis.
2. The peasants' unions have their own controlling bodies at hsien, provincial, and regional levels, but locally they are under the joint orders of the local government of the hsiang or ch'u and of the local Communist Party.
3. As of late July 1951, the organization of the Peasants' Union of hsiang Number Nine, ch'u Number One, Yuanling (110-15, 28-28) Hsien, West Hunan, was as follows:
  - a. The paid, full-time officials of the Peasants' Union came from the poor peasantry or unemployed classes, the more promising of whom were given special training away from the hsiang and returned for union work. These officials include a chairman; a vice-chairman; secretaries for Organization, Mass Movements, and Armed Forces; a leader of the Women's Group; and a leader of the Youth Corps. These persons were poor peasants before their appointment and have no education, except the secretary for Organization, who attended an old-style school for two years, and the Youth Corps leader, the 15-year old son of a poor peasant who still goes to school when his union duties permit.
  - b. Unpaid officials, all of whom are poor peasants, are the heads of the 10 Small Groups, each corresponding to a pao (保) under the former local government system.
  - c. The secretary for Organization, the senior of the three secretaries, is responsible for personnel questions, routine management, rewards and punishments, promotions and dismissals.

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- d. The secretary for Mass Movements is responsible for all propaganda, news and educational work in the hsiang. He coordinates his publicity with the requirements of tax collecting, recruiting for the army, and the Resist America - Aid Korea Campaign. He organizes instruction given illiterates by visiting teachers from Yuanling.
- e. The secretary for the Armed Forces is responsible for maintaining the village militia, which passes under the command of the nearest regular troops when needed for active service. He is responsible for suppressing former landlords, rich peasants, former Nationalist servicemen, officials or teachers; and he arranges and sometimes administers the brutality for such operations as liquidations and public trials.
- f. The Women's Group is only affiliated to the Peasants' Union and is not very strong. Its members are heads of Small Groups, usually former concubines or divorced wives, and they carry out some propaganda and spying and preach equality of the sexes.
- g. The Youth Corps is affiliated to the Peasants' Union. Most children of poor peasants, but not all the children in the hsiang, belong to it. They are used chiefly to spy and relay remarks made by their parents at home and are rewarded with the titles of Model or Hero. The object of the Youth Corps is to subject the children to concentrated Communist propaganda.
1.   Comment. See Attachment A for organization chart of this peasants' union.

Attachment A. Organization Chart of Peasants' Union

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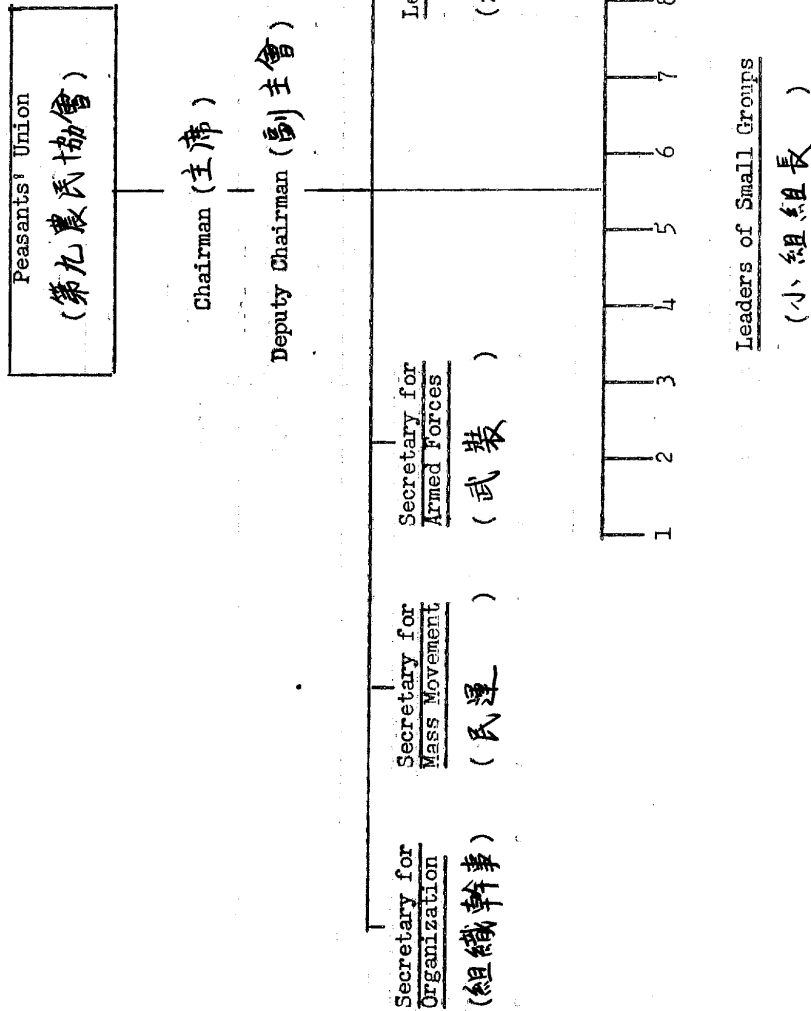
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ATTACHMENT A



Organization of Peasants' Union of Hsiang  
Number Nine



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